

Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~An object of the present invention is to provide a humidity-dependent antibacterial powdery composition of excellent applicability wherein a volatile oily antibacterial substance can be contained in high ratio; a process for producing the same; a humidity-dependent antibacterial food storing article; and a method of storing food.~~ The humidity-dependent antibacterial powdery composition ~~of the present invention as means of attaining the object is characterized in that it comprises a volatile oily antibacterial substance contained in a high ratio and a water-soluble film forming agent and the behavior of release of the antibacterial substance is changed depending on humidity.~~ The process for producing the same is characterized in that a water-soluble film forming agent optionally together with a powder vehicle is dissolved and/or dispersed in water, subsequently a volatile oily antibacterial substance optionally together with an emulsifying agent is added to the solution and emulsified, and thereafter the obtained emulsion is spray dried into powder. The humidity-dependent antibacterial food storing article is characterized by carrying the humidity-dependent antibacterial powdery composition. The method of storing food is characterized in that the volatile oily antibacterial substance is released from the humidity-dependent antibacterial food storing article toward food lying in an atmosphere of 70% or higher humidity.